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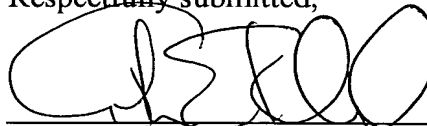
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	5,223,383	June 29, 1993	Maier et al			
	6,030,756	Feb. 29, 2000	Bourdelaïs et al			
	6,074,788	June 13, 2000	Bourdelaïs et al			
	6,093,521	July 25, 2000	Laney et al			
	6,177,153	Jan. 23, 2001	Uchiyama et al			
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	co-pending, commonly assigned, concurrently filed, U.S. Patent Application titled "Microvoided Light Diffuser", of Michael R. Brickey (Docket 83448AEK)
	co-pending, commonly assigned, concurrently filed, U.S. Patent Application titled "Microvoided Light Diffuser Containing Optical Contact Layer", of Robert P. Bourdelaïs (Docket 83613AEK)
	co-pending, commonly assigned, concurrently filed, U.S. Patent Application titled "Light Diffusion Material With Color Temperature Correction", of Cheryl J. Kaminsky (Docket 83744AEK)

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